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SUBJECT: SOUTH LEBANON: ASSAULTS ON UNIFIL

REF: USUN 1934

1. MISOFF RAISED WITH NORWEGIAN DEPUTY PERMREP VRAALSEN ON  
MAY 12 QUESTION OF POSSIBLE NORWEGIAN APPROACHES TO ARAB  
GOVTS AND PLO ON PROBLEM OF ATTACKS ON UNIFIL. REFERRING

TO OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT CANADA HAD SUGGESTED SUCH ACTION IN TROOP CONTRIBUTORS MEETING WITH SYG MAY 11, MISOFF ASKED IF NORWAY HAD CONTEMPLATED TAKING ACTION ALONG SUGGESTED LINES.

2. VRAALSEN SAID NORWAY HAD CONTACT WITH PLO BOTH IN BEIRUT AND IN SOUTHERN LEBANON WHERE ITS CONTINGENT IS LOCATED. THERE WERE CONVERSATIONS ON FAIRLY REGULAR BASIS AND HE THOUGHT THAT THIS PROBLEM WOULD BE, AND PERHAPS ALREADY HAD BEEN, DISCUSSED WITH PLO. HE AGREED IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO POINT OUT OVERALL INTEREST, INCLUDING THAT OF PALESTINIANS AND OTHER ARABS, IN UNIFIL'S BEING ABLE TO CARRY OUT ALL ASPECTS OF ITS MANDATE.

3. VRAALSEN WAS ALSO VERY RECEPTIVE TO IDEA OF APPROACHES TO ARAB GOVTS BUT WONDERED TO WHOM THESE SHOULD BE MADE. MISOFF INDICATED GOVTS US WAS APPROACHING AND SUGGESTED GON WOULD WISH TO DETERMINE THOSE TO WHICH IT WENT IN TERMS OF ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS AND DEGREE OF INFLUENCE NORWAY HAD WITH VARIOUS GOVTS. APPROACHES TO IRAQ AND LIBYA COULD BE USEFUL IF NORWAY WAS IN POSITION TO EXERT INFLUENCE WITH EITHER. VRAALSEN SAID NORWEGIANS WOULD CONSIDER QUESTION AND DECIDE WHAT ACTION THEY MIGHT USEFULLY TAKE.

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4. IN RESPONSE TO MISOFF'S QUERY, VRAALSEN SAID SITUATION HAD BEEN QUIET IN NORWEGIAN UNIFIL SECTOR SINCE INCIDENT OF MAY 9 AND THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO INDICATION OF POSSIBLE PALESTINIAN "RETALIATION". HE CONFIRMED THAT NORWEGIAN SOLDIER WAS NOT BADLY WOUNDED. NO ONE WAS SURE, BUT REPORTS INDICATED THAT PALESTINIANS RESPONSIBLE FOR INCIDENT WERE AFFILIATED WITH HABASH'S PFLP.  
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